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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REQUEST**

The Examiner is requested to return a completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form bearing the OIPE stamp of March 3, 2004. Specifically, a partially-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form was received with the Office Action of July 14, 2005. The partially-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form does not include however the Examiner's initials in the left-hand column next to reference #154 (EP 0463848) and reference #153 (UK 2239245). A completely-initialed copy of the previously-filed PTO-1449 Form is requested.

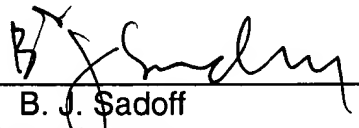
The Examiner is also requested to confirm that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in parent application Serial No. 08/362,455 as the Office Action of July 14, 2005 indicates that certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/362,455 however the Office Action does not indicate that all certified copies have been received.

The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of July 14, 2005, but rather to correct perceived error and/or inadequacy in the attachments of the Office Action of July 14, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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